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SUBJECT: FREQUENT USE ON NON-U.S. CITIZEN MASTERS
ON U.S. FLAG VESSELS

1. U.S. CITIZEN MASTER OF A U.S. FLAG VESSEL HAS ALLEGED TO CONSUL THAT ABOUT THREE QUARTERS OF THE SKIPPERS OF U.S. FLAG VESSELS PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN SUPPLYING OIL DRILLING RIGS OFF NORTHEAST BRAZIL UNDER CONTRACT TO PETROBRAS ARE FOREIGN NATIONALS, MOSTLY BRAZILIANS AND GERMANS. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT MOST ENGINEERS ON THESE VESSELS ARE FOREIGN NATIONALS. OTHER US. CITIZEN MASTER HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY MADE SIMILAR CHARGES TO CONSUL. INITIAL INFORMANT WHO HAS NINE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING OFF BRAZIL, WISHED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS FOR FEAR OF BEING BLACKLISTED BY THE OWNERS OF THE U.S. FLAG VESSELS INVOLVED.

2. HE SAID THE FIRMS CITIED BELOW ARE THE WORST OFFENDERS.

A) ARTHUR LEVY OF MORGAN CITY LOUISIANA, WITH VESSELS
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OPERATING OUT OF SALVADOR AND NATAL.

B) EURO-PIRATAS OF NEW ORLEANS, OPERATING OUT OF BELEM,
SALVADOR AND VITORIA.

C) TIDEX

3. COMMENT: INFORMANT'S INFORMATION IS TRUE, THERE WOULD SEEM
TO BE A CLEAR VIOLATION OF U.S. LAW WHICH REQUIRES THAT THE MASTER
OF A VESSEL OF AMERICAN REGISTRY BE AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. ADDRESSEES
MIGHT WISH TO VERIFY WHETHER SUCH A PATTERN OF THE USE ALIEN
MASTERS ON U.S. FLAG VESSELS IN VIOLATION OF U.S. LAW
EXISTS IN THEIR CONSULAR DISTRICTS.
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